GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF CHEMICALS
CHINMAYANAND;N.T. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) the total quantity of chemicals and medicines exported during each of the last three years; (

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; (

(c) whether the Government contemplated to increase the export of chemicals and medicines; (

(d) if so, the details thereof; (

(e) whether due to uncertainty in the global economy, post September 11, 2001 attack, the chemicals exports likely to stagnate; (

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) The total quantity and value of drugs, pharmaceuticals & Fine Chemicals and Inrganic/Organic/Agro Chemicals are given as under:-

	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
	Qty in `000 kgs	Value (in Rs.Cr)	Qty in `000 kgs	Value (in Rs.Cr)	Qty in `000 kgs	Value (in Rs.Cr)
Drugs, Pharmaceuticals & Fine Chemicals	95492	5353	75870	6153	82097	7048
Inorganic/Organic/ Agro Chemicals	425126	2222	249868	2290	469306	3249

(Source: CHEMEXCIL).

(c)&(d) : Government is extending Market Development Assistance to exporters through Export Promotion Councils for competing in foreign markets.

(e), (f) & (g) : Yes, Sir. Due to recess in the overall market scenario around the globe after the post September 11, 2001 attack, there is likely that the chemicals exports may stagnate for some time.